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FOR: BIOCHIP SUPPORT USING THIN LAYERS OF SOL GEL MATERIAL AND  
MANUFACTURING PROCESS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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This is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application which is being concurrently filed with the national phase filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of PCT/FR04/01088.

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Please amend the application as shown below.